



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
www.uspto.gov

Paper No. 18

Michael I. Stewart  
Sim and McBurney  
330 University Avenue, 6th Floor  
Toronto Ontario M5G 1R7  
Canada

**COPY MAILED**

**JAN 17 2001**

**OFFICE OF PETITIONS  
A/C PATENTS**

In re Application  
Charles D. Y. Sia et al.  
Application No. 09/055,744  
Filed: April 7, 1998  
Attorney Docket No. 1038-746-MIS

**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 3, 2001, to revive the above-identified application.

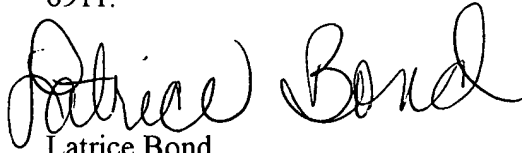
The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned as a result of petitioner's failure to file an appeal brief (and fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)) within the time period provided in 37 CFR 1.192(a). As an appeal brief (and appeal brief fee) was not filed within two (2) months of the Notice of Appeal filed February 29, 2000, and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained, the appeal was dismissed and the proceedings as to the rejected claims were terminated. See 37 CFR 1.192(b) & 1.197(c). As no claim was allowed, the-above-identified application became abandoned on May 1, 2000. See MPEP 1215.04.

The above-identified application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity with a continued prosecution application (CPA) filed on January 3, 2001.

The file will be forwarded to Technology Center 1600, Art Unit 1648, for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Latrice Bond". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Latrice" and the last name "Bond" clearly distinguishable.

Latrice Bond  
Paralegal Specialist  
Office of Petitions  
Office of the Deputy Commissioner  
for Patent Examination Policy